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1. SUMMARY. THIS TELEGRAM REPORTS COMMENTS BY AMBASSADOR HOLANDA CAVALCANTI, SPECIAL ADVISOR TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER, ON FOLLOW UP TO THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA IN GRENADA. END SUMMARY.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH ECON/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR, JUNE 20, HOLANDA CAVALCANTI SAID BRAZIL WAS IN PRINCIPLE AGREEABLE TO JOIN INFCE BUT REQUIRED MORE DATA TO MAKE FINAL DECISION. THIS WAS THE POSITION FOREIGN MINISTER HAD TAKEN IN MEETING WITH SECRETARY IN GRENADA. CAVALCANTI REQUESTED MORE INFORMATION, SUCH AS COUNTRIES THAT HAD BEEN APPROACHED SO FAR,
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EITHER FOR COMMENT ON US PAPER OR ON PARTICIPATION IN INFCE, STATUS OF US PAPER, ITS DEGREE OF ACCEPTANCE BY THE EXPERTS GROUP ESTABLISHED BY LONDON SUMMIT AND LIKELY TIMETABLE AND SCENARIO FOR LAUNCHING OF INFCE EFFORT. BRAZIL EVIDENTLY WOULD NOT WISH TO BE ONLY-INDUSTRIAL COUNTRY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM, CAVALCANTI COMMENTED, NOR WOULD IT WANT TO SEE ALL THE DECISION MADE ON THE STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAM BEFORE

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IT JOINS. COUNSELOR NOTED THAT GOB HAD BEEN PRESENTED
THE US PAPER PRECISELY INORDER TO ENABLE THE GOB TO COMMENT ON US
PROPOSAL WHILE IT WAS IN THE FORMATIVE STAGE.

3. COMMENTING POSITIVELY ON THE GOOD ATMOSPHERE OF THE SECRE-
TARY'S MEETING WITH SILVEIRA, CAVALCANTI SAID THE MEETING HAD
BEEN VERY USEFUL INOVERCOMING SME OF THE CONCERNS ("RECEIOS")
HELD SINCE THE NEW US ADMINISTRATION TAK OFFICE. IN CONNECTION
WITH THIS, CAVALCANTI EXPRESSED A LIVELY INTEREST IN THE RESUMPTION
OF POLICY PLANNING TALKS AS A WAY OF PROMOTING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING
,
AND SAID ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN HAD BRIEFLY DISCUSSED THIS
WITH HIM IN A POSITIVE VEIN ON A POSSIBLE AGENDA FOR SUCH
TALKS, CAVALCANTI SAID HW DID NOT THINK A HIGHLY STRUCTURED AGENDA
WAS NECESSARY, THAT AN INFORMAL LOOSELY STRUCTURED INTERCHARGE WOULD
BE, FROM THE BRAZILIAN VIEWPOINT, QUITE WELCOME. FOREIGN MINISTER
SILVEIRA WAS GREATLY INTERESTED IN THE RESUMPTION OF THE TALKS,
CAVALCANTI SAID, AS A WAY OF PERMITTING A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE
TWO GOVERNMENTS, CONCERNING POSSIBLE AREAS, HE MENTIONED BASIC
CONCEPTS OF US AND BRAZILIAN FOREIGN POLICY, US POLICY TOWARD
LATIN AMEICAN, THE FUTURE OF THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, SOUTHERN
AFRICA, AND US FORIGN ECONOMIC POLICY. COUNSELOR SAID THAT,
SPEAKING PERSONALLY, US SIDE WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY WISH TO TALK
ABOUT GLOBAL NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY AND POSSBIBLY ABOUT ATTITUDES
OF THE US CONGRESS, A TOPIC WHICH HAD ALWAYS BEEN VERY
SUCCESSFUL IN PLANNING TALKS WITH OTHER COUNTIRES.
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4. CAVALCANTI WAS UNABLE TO SAY WHO ON BRAZILIAN SIDE, BESIDE
HIM, WOULD PARTICIPATE IN SUCH TALKS. HE SUGGESTED MEMBERS OF
THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S CABINET, SUCH AS COUNSELOR JOSE NOGUEIRA
FILHO, AND SENIOR OFFICERS FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S ECONOMIC
DEPARTMENT.

5. OTHER OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS: CAVALCATI SAID HE
WOULD PROVIDE US WITH A SET OF WHAT HE CONSIDERS THE MOST
AUTHORIATIVE SILVEIRA SPEECHES AS A GUIDE TO HOW HE SEES
THE CONCEPTUAL DEVELOPMENT OF BRAZILIAN FOREIGN POLICY UNDWE
GEISEL AND SILVEIRA. CAVALCANTI AND ECONOMIC COUNSELOR ALSO
DISCUSSED THE POSSIBLITY OF LINKING SEQUENTLY THE PLANNING
TALKS AND THE PROPOSED MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE SUB-GROUP
ON TRADE IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR APPROPRIATE
SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S ECONOMIC STAFF TO
PARTICIPATE IN BOTH SETS OF TAKS. CAVALCANTI HAD LITTLE
ELSE TO SAY ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE GRENADA MEETING, BUT
REFEERRED TO THE CONDITION OF TH OAS AS ONE OF CRISIS, WHICH
TI HAD BEEN IN FOR SOME YEARS, AS A RESULT OF INCREASING FISSURES
ADN DIVERGENCES AMONG ITS PARTICIPANTS. HE WAS HIGHLY COMPLI-
MENTARY ON THE PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENTS OF THE GRENADA MEETING.

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6. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY REQUESTS-
(A) STATUS REPORT ON INFCE AND GUIDANCE ON HOW WE CAN RESPOND TO CAVALCANTI'S QUESTIONS.
(B) GUIDANCE ON HOW TO RESPOND TO CAVALCANTI'S INQUIRY ON POSSIBLE PLANNING TALKS.
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